

**Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP**  
Barristers and Solicitors  
Patent and Trade-mark Agents

66 Wellington Street West  
Suite 4200, Toronto Dominion Bank Tower  
Box 20, Toronto-Dominion Centre  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5K 1N6

416 366 8381 Telephone  
416 364 7813 Facsimile

**FASKEN  
MARTINEAU** 

## FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

Date: May 20, 2003

TO	Firm and City	Telephone	Facsimile
Ms. Kelly King	Publication Customer Service USPTO Washington, DC, USA	703 305 4283	703 305 8568

FROM	Telephone	Facsimile
Kathryn Kellough kkelloughkkellough@tor.fasken.com	416 868 3513 416 868-3500	416 364 7813 Ext. 2437

Pages (including cover): 5

Sender's ID/File: 1912/1631106.0032

If this fax is incomplete or unclear, please call 416 865 4474

If more than one recipient at the same fax number, please copy and distribute to all recipients.

Original will be: ☒ Filed ☐ Mailed ☐ Hand Delivered ☐ Couriers

This communication is confidential and subject to lawyer-client privilege. It is intended only for the recipient(s) named above. Any disclosure, copying or other distribution of this communication or taking any action in reliance on its contents is strictly prohibited. If you receive this fax in error, please notify us immediately by telephone (call collect) and return the original to us by mail without making a copy.

Vancouver

Yellowknife

Toronto

Montréal

Québec

New York

London

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Kozo Akiyoshi et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/092,205  
Filed : 3/7/2002  
Title : IMAGE CODING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND IMAGE  
DECODING METHOD AND APPARATUS

Grp./A.U. : 2621  
Examiner :

Docket No.: 13925

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington DC 20231

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED APPLICATION PUBLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.221(b)

Sir:

Errors appear in the claims of the published application with respect to the above identified application for patent. It is respectfully requested that the application be republished in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.221.(b) in that the error in the claims is considered a material mistake which should be apparent from a review of the claims of the application as filed with a review of the claims of the application as published.

This response is being filed within two months of the publication date which was November 21, 2002.

More specifically, errors appear in the claims as follows:

Claim 8, line 4: " $i+2 \leq b$ " should be  $--i+2 < b--$ .

Appl. No. 10/092,205

Claim 9, line 4: " $a < i+1$  and  $i+2 \leq b$ " should be  $--a < i+1$  and  $i+2 \leq b--$ .

Claim 20, line 2: " $C_{1,1}$ " should be  $--C_{1,1,1}--$ .

Claim 28, line 4: delete the word "Had" after the words "such that".

Submitted with this response is a copy of the application as originally filed and a copy of publication No. US2002/0172289A1 wherein the errors appearing in the claims have been highlighted to facilitate a review.

Should the reviewing official require any further information with respect to this matter, it would be appreciated if they would contact the undersigned attorney-of-record at the telephone number shown below.

It is submitted that the mistake occurred on the part of the office and is material in that it is a mistake in the claim language which could lead to adverse effects of the applicant's rights with respect to future enforcement of the claims.

Although no fees are believed due, if fees are required, they may be charged to Deposit Account 04-1577.

Appl. No. 10/092,205

Respectfully submitted,

DOWELL & DOWELL, P.C.

By 

Ralph A. Dowell, Reg. No. 26,868

Date: January 21, 2003

DOWELL & DOWELL, P.C.

Suite 309, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway

Arlington, VA 22202

Telephone - 703 415-2555

Facsimile - 703 415-2559

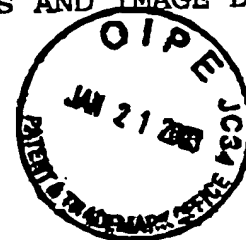
E-mail - [dowell@dowellpc.com](mailto:dowell@dowellpc.com)

PROPERTY OF: DOWELL & DOWELL, P. C., Ste 309, 1215 Jeff. Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202, Telephone (703) 415-2555  
THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE STAMP INDICATES DATE OF FILING  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
THE FOLLOWING MARKED DOCUMENTS

Applicant : Kozo Akiyoshi et al.  
Appl. No. : 10/092,205  
Filed : 3/7/2002  
Title : IMAGE CODING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND IMAGE DECODING  
METHOD AND APPARATUS

Grp./A.U. : 2621  
Examiner :

Docket No.: 13925



Request for Corrected Application Publication Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.221(b) including US 2002/0172289 A1 Publication and Copy of Application as originally filed with copy of Publication Notice